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REF WAG92 ON NEW HANOI CITY SERVICE

RIGHT; BANGKOK WILL USE "HANOI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
VIETNAMESE" SOURCELINE FOR ANY MATERIAL WE MIGHT FILE FROM
REFERENT RADIO; RECEPTION IS STILL TOO POOR GENERALLY TO
ADD RADIO TO FORMAL COVERAGE AT THIS TIME; BUT WE WILL KEEP
AN EYE ON IT WITH VIEW TO PROVIDING REGULAR COVERAGE WHEN
PRACTICAL; IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA PCS GOING LYING AROUND; WE
CERTAINLY COULD USE ONE OUT HERE TO AID IMPLEMENTATION OF
INTERNAL BUREAU DECISIONS--RECOGNIZE THERE ARE TIMES THIS WOULD
BE BEST ANSWER; 18/0340Z OCT

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REF BK683, WA926 ON NEW HANOI CITY SERVICE
 WA926 WAS MISLEADING IN SUGGESTING THAT +CITY SERVICE+ WAS AN
 OPTION. HAVING REEXAMINED ALL THIS, AND TO REMAIN CONSISTENT (WE
 DO TRY, WHETHER LOGICAL OR NOT) WITH EXISTING SOURCELINE POLICY,
 WE WOULD HAVE TO USE +DOMESTIC SERVICE+ DESPITE YOUR PERSUASIVE
 ARGUMENTS AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE SERVICE IS OF A LOCAL
 NATURE.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHINA (I DIDN'T SAY THERE WERE NO
 EXCEPTIONS), THE POLICY HAS BEEN TO AVOID DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN
 VARIOUS LEVELS OF INTERNAL BROADCASTING AND TO IDENTIFY ALL RADIOS,
 WHETHER NATIONAL, REGIONAL OR LOCAL, AS +DOMESTIC.+ IN CHINA,
 WHERE YEARS AGO FBIS MADE AN EXCEPTION AND OPTED FOR OTHER THAN
 DOMESTIC LABELS, +CITY SERVICE+ IS INDEED USED WITH THREE RADIOS
 (BEIJING, SHANGHAI AND TIANJIN). APPARENTLY THIS WAS ONLY FOR
 LACK OF A MORE ACCURATE GEOGRAPHICAL LABEL. WE DO NOT MAKE SUCH
 DISTINCTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, CALLING ALL RADIOS DOMESTIC.
 CUBA AND POLAND OFFER SOME GOOD EXAMPLES WHERE SOME STATIONS WE
 MONITOR ARE IN ESSENCE LOCAL STATIONS. WE ALSO MONITOR SOME FM
 STATIONS WHICH ARE CLEARLY LOCAL, BUT HERE ALSO WE USE THE
 DOMESTIC SOURCELINE.

I DO NOT CARE TO TREAT THIS NEW HANOI STATION AS ANOTHER
 EXCEPTION BY APPROVING THE CITY SOURCELINE. IN SOME OF MY FOULHEARTY
 MOMENTS I CONSIDER TEARING INTO OUR SOURCELINE POLICY, AT WHICH TIME
 WE COULD REEXAMINE ALL OF THE INCONSISTENCIES. BUT I USUALLY
 CONCLUDE THIS WOULD BE AKIN TO TAKING A COUPLE OF CHICAGO-PURCHASED
 TYLENOLS. IN THE MEANTIME, IF I START CHIPPING AWAY, PIECE BY PIECE,
 WHATEVER POLICY WE HAVE WOULD BECOME WORTHLESS. I PREFER TO STICK
 WITH WHAT WE HAVE FOR NOW, IMPERFECT OR NOT.

SO YOUR SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED. FCS DOES HAVE A TWO-HEADED
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REF WA926 ON NEW HANOI CITY SERVICE SOURCELINE

COULD WE MAKE THIS A BEST TWO-OUT-OF-THREE COIN TOSS (TRUST FOR COIN HAS HEAD AND TAIL, ONE EACH)? IF THIS IS A BORDERLINE CALL, THINK NEED TO CLEARLY DIFFERENTIATE REFERENT HANOI RADIO FROM STANDARD DOMESTIC SERVICE, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT ANIMAL ALTOGETHER; SHOULD OVERRIDE WAVERING RESISTANCE TO PERMIT SUCH DIFFERENTIATION,

1) PRESUME EXISTENCE OF SERVICE ON MEDIUM WAVE IS NOT BEING SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED JUST BECAUSE BUREAUS IN REGION HAVE THUS FAR

ABLE TO MONITOR RADIO ON MEDIUM WAVE ANYWHERE BUT POSSIBLY FROM HONG KONG IS REMOTE, AND IF PROGRAM IS NOT BEING CARRIED ON ANYTHING BUT SHORT WAVE AND THUS NOT INTENDED TO BE HEARD BY HANOI RESIDENTS, THE VIETNAMESE ARE ENGAGING IN QUITE AN ELABORATE CHARADE; CONTRARY TO LOGIC OF WA9267, THOUGHT WHERE RADIOS BROADCAST ON BOTH MEDIUM AND SHORT WAVE, FBIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO OPT FOR THE MORE LOCAL OF THE TWO AUDIENCES; OTHERWISE, MANY RADIOS NOW LISTED AS "DOMESTIC SERVICE SHOULD BE BY USE OF SHORT WAVE, WHICH CAN BE HEARD ABROAD, AND CONTENT, WHICH INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL NEWS BE CLASSIFIED AS "INTERNATIONAL SERVICES.

2; THE FACT RADIO CAN BE HEARD ON SHORTWAVE FREQUENCIES COULD BE EXPLAINED BY HEAVY VIETNAMESE PRESENCE IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS AND CONSIDERATION THAT VIETNAMESE TROOPS THERE AND/OR VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS STATIONED IN PHNOM PENH EITHER NEED OR DESERVE NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL; DO NOT BELIEVE FBIS SHOULD CONSTRUCT HARD TECHNICAL BARRIERS AGAINST WHAT A GOVERNMENT MIGHT WANT TO DO WITH PARTICULAR CITY SERVICE BROADCASTS FOR POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL REASONS;

3; BELIEVE BK050205 FYI HAS ALREADY CLEARED QUESTION OF STATION CALLING ITSELF A CITY SERVICE; THIS FYI NOTED THE STATION IDENTIFIES ITSELF "THIS IS THE HANOI RADIO STATION;" CONVERSELY, HANOI DOMESTIC SERVICE SAYS "THIS IS THE VOICE OF VIETNAM BROADCASTING FROM HANOI;" CONTINUED OBSERVATIONS SUPPORT CRUISING MESSAGES STATEMENTS THAT THE RADIO LIMITS ITSELF EXCLUSIVELY TO REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES IN HANOI AND ITS SUBURBS, INCLUDING FOR EXAMPLE HIGHLY PARTICULARIZED ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTED ONLY AT HANOI RESIDENTS AND LOCAL HANOI TV SCHEDULES, WHICH PRESUMABLY ARE NOT INTENDED FOR AN AUDIENCE OUTSIDE THE CITY; WE ARE PREPARING A FEW SAMPLE PROGRAM SUMMARIES AND WILL WIREFILE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION;

4; POSSIBLY, COIN SHOULD BE LANDING ON EDGE; BELIEVE AT ONE TIME IN VERY SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING A RADIO BROADCASTING

DOMESTIC SERVICE IN VIETNAMESE" TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE
DOMESTIC SERVICE BEING BROADCAST FROM HANOI; SUGGEST SOURCELINE:
"HANOI CITY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN VIETNAMESE" MIGHT ANSWER FOR
CONCERNS WITHOUT CAUSING THIS VERY DIFFERENT RADIO FROM BEING LOST
UNDER A MISLEADING STANDARD DOMESTIC SOURCELINE; 14/0407Z OCT

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REF BK050205, BK679, WA893 ET AL ON NEW HANOI +CITY+ SERVICE
SOURCELINE

THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE WE COULD TOSS A COIN ON. WHILE THE
PROGRAMMING DOES SEEM TO BE EXCLUSIVELY LOCAL IN NATURE, THERE IS
NO INDICATION THAT THE BROADCASTS ARE INTENDED ONLY FOR THE
HANOI REGION. THE FACT THAT SHORTWAVE FREQUENCIES ARE USED SUGGESTS
TO US THAT IT IS AS MUCH A DOMESTIC AS CITY SERVICE. SO WE OPT FOR
A DOMESTIC SERVICE SOURCELINE UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT STATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS OR OTHER OBSERVATIONS CONFIRM THAT IT IS A CITY
SERVICE ONLY. CAJ 13/1649Z OCT

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REF BK050205, BK679 ON HANOI CITY SERVICE (ADMIN NOT SENT HK
AND LD)

PREFER TO POSTPONE SOURCELINE DECISION UNTIL WE HAVE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION. THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN MONITORED ONLY ON SHORTWAVE
ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS IN OUR MIND ABOUT IT BEING A LOCAL SERVICE.
WOULD LIKE FOR THE THREE FAR EAST BUREAUS TO MONITOR THIS STATION
AND DETERMINE BEST AND SECOND BEST ANTENNAS. PLEASE INCLUDE
RECEPTION RATINGS IN YOUR REPORTS. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE YOU
ATTEMPT TO FIND ANY MEDIUMWAVE PARALLELS. NB 05/2038Z OCT

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REF BK050205 CRUISING ON HANOI CITY SERVICE, I PROPOSE
FORMAL SOURCELINE "HANOI CITY SERVICE IN VIETNAMESE" FOR ANY
MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT BE PROCESSED FROM REFERENT RADIO,

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REF BK291357--CRUISING ON NEW HANOI STATION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: CRUISING CHECK ON 'HANOI CITY SERVICE'

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ADDITIONAL CRUISING AND MONITORING CHECK ON VIETNAMESE STATION ON 7987/6580/7020 KHZ CONFIRMS THAT IT IS INDEED HANOI CITY SERVICE. STATION IDENTIFIES ITSELF: "THIS IS THE HANOI RADIO STATION" (VIETNAMESE: DAAY LAF DAIF PHATS THANH HANOI) AND MONITOR SAYS THAT IT LIMITS ITSELF EXCLUSIVELY TO REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES IN HANOI AND ITS SUBURBS.

NEWS PROGRAMS ARE AT 0000-0045/0500-0545/1000-1030 (1030-1045 AGRICULTURE PROGRAM) AND 1200-1245 GMT. TYPICAL NEWSCAST CONSISTS OF ITEMS ON PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES IN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN HANOI ALONG WITH AN ARTICLE (TYPICAL RECENT ARTICLE WAS ENTITLED "HANOIANS' WAY OF LIFE" ON WORK BEHAVIOR OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS AT INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT ON DISCUSSION ON HOW TO EDUCATE CHILDREN). STATION ALSO BROADCASTS OCCASIONAL ITEMS FROM THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER HANOI NOI.

THERE IS NO INDICATION AS TO WHY THE STATION, IF IT IS FOR A HANOI AUDIENCE, IS BEING CARRIED ON THREE SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTERS. NO TARGET AUDIENCE IS ANNOUNCED. RECEPTION IS POOR TO VERY POOR.

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